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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Kai FABIAN et al.

Serial No.: 10/089,223

Group Art Unit: 1621

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Examiner: PRICE, Elvis O

For: METHOD FOR BROMINATING ORGANIC COMPOUNDS

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 2, 2003, applicants elect with traverse Group I, claims 1-15, process for the bromination of organic compounds. The traversal is on the basis that the PTO has not established that it would pose an undue burden to examine the full scope of the application. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file a divisional directed to the non-elected matter if such matter remains restricted.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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